Integration of Homoeopathy, Unani and Siddha with mainstream medicines

2363. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to integrate Homoeopathy, Unani and Siddha with mainstream medicines into National Rural Health Mission as part of Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether according to Planning Commission, this integration will help to solve acute shortage of trained personnel in Indian Health Care System;

(c) if so, whether any final decision has been taken thereon; and

(d) if so, to what extent it will solve the problem of Health Care Workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) envisages mainstreaming of AYUSH by integrating AYUSH practitioner with the primary health care delivery system through collocation, contractual appointment of AYUSH doctors/paramedics and providing AYUSH wings in CHCs.

The Planning Commission is of the view that the integration of AYUSH with the modern system of medicine as envisaged in the NRHM would significantly help in solving the problem of the acute shortage of personnel in the Indian healthcare system.

The recently approved implementation framework of the NRHM includes the strategies for mainsteaming mentioned in the first para of the reply. The extent of the implementation would depend on the inclusion of those strategies by the States in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIP).

New AIDS medicine by Arvindo Pharma

†2364. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Arvindo Pharma

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

of Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh has invented a medicine that cures AIDS just by consumption of one pill;

(b) whether Government have examined the quality and effectivenesss of this medicine; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Construction of dispensary buildings

2365. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lands were acquired for construction of CGHS dispensaries at Sarita Vihar, Faridabad, Gurgaon and Vasant Vihar;

(b) if so, whether dispensaries have been constructed at the site so acquired;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and whether their plans have been submitted for clearance by the local authorities; and

(d) whether Noida Dispensary is being shifted to its own building and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Two plots of land have been acquired for construction of CGHS dispensary buildings at Gurgaon and Vasant Vihar. CGHS dispensary at Faridabad is functioning in its own building. For CGHS dispensary at Sarita Vihar, no plot of land has been acquired so far.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Preliminary estimates for construction of dispensary at Vasant Vihar have been received from CPWD. However, no sanction of the dispensary from Planning Commission has been received so far, therefor it may not be possible to start construction of the dispensary at Vasant